

Mink Fur Farm Requirements 2016

Farm	Date of Inspection (s)	Pass/Fail	Herd Health Plan Approved	Relicensed 2016	Comments
s.79					
	2016-03-30	Pass	Yes	Yes	relicensed July, 2016
	2016-01-19	Pass	Yes	Yes	
	2016-01-12	Pass	Yes	yes	s.79
	2014-12-09	Pass	Yes	No	quit
	2015-10-20	Pass	Yes	Yes	
	2016-01-12	Pass	Yes	Yes	
	2015-06-19	Pass	Yes	Yes	
	2016-01-19	Fail	No	No	confirmed in writing - quit
	2016-03-30	Fail	Yes	No	Roofing needs to be fixed. 3 month temp. Follow up mid April and July
	2015-11-25	Fail	Yes	Yes	re-inspected March 2016 - passed
	2016-02-29	Pass	Yes	Yes	
	2015-09-16	Pass	Yes	Yes	
	2015-10-28	Pass	Yes	Yes	s.79
					confirmed in writing - quit dated April 22, 2016
	19-May-15	Pass	Yes	Yes	
					confirmed in writing - quit dated May 17, 2016



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July 8, 2016

s.79

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Dear s.79

RE: Licensing Requirements for 2016

Further to my email of July 7, please set up a time when we can complete the licensing requirements for your farm. At our last visit (March 30th) you did not have any enrichments in the pens and the CO tank was on order. I understand you now have the enrichments in the pens, however, we need to see the CO tank and kill box.

Our 2016 licensing will conclude at the end of July and the Canadian Mink Association will be informed of farms in contravention of the *BC Fur Farm Regulations*. A valid provincial license is required to sell pelts. After July, any farms that have not complied with the Mink Code of Practice or the *Fur Farm Regulations* will be required to wait until the next licensing cycle of January 2017 to re-apply.

s.79 I encourage you to take care of the licensing of your farm prior to the end of the month. I will be out of the office from July 8 – 18. We can schedule an inspection after the 18th, or you can request Dr. Pritchard or Dr. Britton to inspect, if that is the only week that works for you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lynette Hare
Operations Coordinator

Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2016 1:42 PM
To: s.79
Subject: CO Tank

Hi, s.79,

Do you have your CO Tank? We do not need to do another inspection of the farm so disturbing the babies will not be an issue, but we do need to confirm with a visit to see that you have the tank in place and the HHP has been amended and approved.

Our licensing will conclude at the end of July and a list of compliant farms will be sent to the Canadian Mink Association. Farms not in compliance by the end of July will need to wait until the next licensing cycle of January 2017.

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Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 10:29 AM
To: s.79
Subject: RE: I

Okay, let me know when you have it.

I will ask around, hopefully they will supply the SOP with the tank too.

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-----Original Message-----

From: s.79
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 9:55 AM
To: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Subject: I

I have the tank coming. Still waiting for work safe instructions on use and storage of deadly odorless gas. Do you happen to have any info ? If you do please send it to me

Sent from my iPhone

Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 9:38 AM
To: s.79
Subject: RE:

My apologies, ^{s.79} I left your last note with Jane and understood she was going to answer you. She would not issue a temporary permit as long as you were still using the old kill method. I was away for two weeks from the office.

Are you now using a CO tank (I believe you had one on order), if so then I will mail out your temporary and we'll visit in August when it's less stressful.

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-----Original Message-----

From: s.79
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 5:38 PM
To: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Subject:

I have been waiting for a reply from you for over three weeks. I was on the understanding that I had a temporary licence until you came back in July or August. The next month is very busy on the farm which is the reason I thought you were going to come closer to August. We are weaning and it's very stressful (for the mink and my self lol).

We had some issues with mink dragging their babies onto the ramps in the hot days and the kits walking out the cage and some even hanging themselves on the ramp. I have taken the few hundred that I had in out till I can come up with another plan. Any suggestions?

The old lady's that I have pulled have a golf ball, or rock in them so the enrichments for the singles are taken care of.

Sent from my iPhone

Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: s.79
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 6:59 PM
To: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

I had been using the old style kill box with exhaust from engine and cooled through a water box to take the heat out of the exhaust . Worked excellent . Dead in about a min. I understand that this is not what is required and like I said am in the midst of changing over

Sent from my iPhone

Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: s.79
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 11:24 AM
To: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

I would pre fill the box and I kill about 60 to 75 males and 75 to 90 fe. Max in any given load.the box can easily hold double that amount though. I'm just not sure on the flow but it would be to the standards of the code . I'll have the tank and regulator and box when you come in August or whenever you come by.
Sent from my iPhone



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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

Site Location:

s.79

Date: March 30, 2016

Inspection Team: Lynette Hare and Dr. Ann Britton

- ✓ Farm meets all applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations
- ✓ Site has sufficient supply of good quality drinking water to meet the needs of the mink and the on-site needs for cleaning and other farm activities.

Housing

- ✓ Sheds provide protection from extreme weather conditions.
- ✓ Sheds are designed to allow adequate space, light and access for stock people to observe and care for the animals.

Pens Appendix E – Canadian Code of Practice

- ❖ All pens with multiple mink must be enhanced with a hammock/shelf/platform **(by June, 2014)**
If a jump up/penthouse or drop in nest box is used, a shelf is not required as an enrichment.

No multiple mink in pens at time of inspection.

- ❖ *All pens must include a minimum of one manipulative enrichment **(by December 31, 2013)***

No enrichments in pens.

Nest Boxes

- ✓ Nest boxes are designed to hold adequate bedding and allow for good nesting behavior in a comfortable, safe and secluded place.

- ✓ Nest boxes are appropriate size to accommodate all animals in the pen comfortably at the same time.
- ✓ If feeding on nest box lid, kits are able to easily access the feed.

Bedding

- ✓ Bedding is clean and dry.

Environment

- ✓ Mink are exposed to minimum number of continuous hours of daylight.
- ✓ Sheds and buildings are consistent and adequate to allow airflow.

Feed

- ✓ Waste feed is removed before providing fresh feed.

Feed carts used to deliver wet feed are cleaned and sanitized regularly.

Feed provided by Dogwood Farms

Record Keeping

Not approved – CO tank not being used at time of inspection.

Herd Health Management Plan in place, including:

- Vet-Client-Patient relationship
 - Mink Identification System
 - Vaccination and treatment records
 - Tracking mortalities
- ❖ Current license and inventory maintained for any provincial/federal/municipal requirements.

A follow up inspection to follow in July.



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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

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Site Location: s.79

Date: January 19, 2016

Inspection Team: Lynette Hare and Dr. Ann Britton

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Record Keeping

Herd Health Management Plan in place, including: -

Incomplete, to be resubmitted

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- No multiple mink in cages noted at time of inspection.

All pens must include a minimum of one manipulative enrichment (by December 31, 2013)

- Missing manipulative enrichments in some cages but was experimenting with chains, etc.

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Bedding

___ Bedding is clean and dry.

- Many nest boxes were bare. Please ensure all cages have a nest box and supplied with adequate bedding during whelping, lactation, furring and winter months.

Environment

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Feed – s.79

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Record Keeping

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In progress - experimenting with various objects ie golf balls, empty drug bottles.

Bedding

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Environment

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Feed

☒ Waste feed is removed before providing fresh feed.

☒ Feed carts used to deliver wet feed are cleaned and sanitized regularly.

☒ Feed preparation area is cleaned and sanitized daily.

Record Keeping

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* no

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Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 8:04 AM
To: s.79
Cc: Britton, Ann P AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: Herd Health doc

Hi s.79, Okay – we can go with that this year. Dr. Pritchard has made one note on your HHP and that is the “euthanasia section requires more detail, otherwise ok”.

So if you could make that adjustment and send it in with your license renewal form that would be great.

Thanks

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From: s.79
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 8:07 AM
To: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: Herd Health doc

Here is where our ranch is at as of now. All of our cages meet COP table 3..most meet table 2 for square inches but our breeder pens and cages around our fence are only 12 inches high as per old code of practice. These cages are due to be replaced over the next few years. When replaced they will meet table 1 of the COP. There are approximately 1700 of these pens. Of the remaining 2000 or so cages, 1130 meet table 1 of COP requirements. The remaining 900 meet table 2. All cages are enriched with plastic chains that dangle from the top of the cages. We are experimenting with different shelf/platform ideas for our breeder pens but as they are only 12 inches high makes it tough to put in a shelf that is useful for the mink while still being able to keep the mink cage clean.

Hope that helps
Have a good day

s.79

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Sent: February 11, 2016 1:17 PM

To: s.79

Cc: Britton, Ann P AGR:EX

Subject: RE: Herd Health doc

When we visited your farm with s.79, we recall most items in the Code of Practice were looked after, or in the process, and it was an excellent farm.

If you can confirm your cages meet the standard (in table 2 of the Code.); multiple mink have a shelf; and all cages have an enrichment of some sort then we are satisfied that your farm meets our requirements for licensing for 2016. We will make a farm visit prior to next year though.

Dr. Pritchard is reviewing your Herd Health Plan.

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50% shelves
have
75% whelpers?
have jump ups

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Site Location:

s.79

Date:

June 23, 2016

Inspection Team:

Lynette Hare and Dr. Ann Britton

☒ Farm meets all applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations

☒ Site has sufficient supply of good quality drinking water to meet the needs of the mink and the on-site needs for cleaning and other farm activities.

Housing

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June 23, 2015

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Dear ^{s.79} :

Thank you for taking time out of your schedules to walk myself and Dr. Britton through your farms on Friday. We found both farms to meet or exceed the Ministry's expectations and both farms represent your industry well.

Dr. Pritchard has approved the Herd Health Management Plan you submitted and it will be kept on your file with a copy of the enclosed check list.

Thank you again, and all the best.

Sincerely,

Lynette Hare
Operations Coordinator

Pc Dr. Ann Britton
Dr. Jane Pritchard

Encl.

s.79



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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

Site Location: s.79

Date: June 19, 2015 – Dr. Ann Britton, Lynette Hare

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Housing

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** Working on it*
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approved by
Dr. Pritchard
& on file

☒ Current license and inventory maintained for any provincial/federal/municipal requirements.

Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: s.79
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 5:02 PM
To: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Subject: Re: Fur Farm License



Hello Lynette

inspection: we don't have a mink and we are not working there. if you need inspection you can come over anytime but nobody there I'm not live there anymore.

also I have question. if we going to have a sheep and keep my farm status do I need farm license for sheep too?

Thank you s.79

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016 11:24 AM, "Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX" <Lynette.Hare@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good Morning s.79 :

Could you please advise by email that your farm has now fully pelted out all remaining mink and you no longer require a license. We require confirmation in writing or a final inspection of the property.

Thank you.

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January 21, 2016

s.79

Emailed: January 21, 2016

Good Morning ^{s.79}

Thank you for meeting with us on Tuesday.

Non-conforming items noted were:

- 1) No bedding in any nest box
- 2) No enrichments in any cage (a manipulative toy of some sort, whether a golf ball or preferably a chain)
- 3) No enhancements (hammocks or shelves)
- 4) Many nest boxes not attached to cage (and upside down in the cage)
- 5) Manure piled in the corners of many cages

Though we appreciate your concern for thinning the mink out at this time, it is felt that does not outweigh the immediate comfort and basic care of the animals. After consultation with Dr. Pritchard **you must add shavings to all nest boxes, fix the broken nest boxes, and clean out the manure piled in cages.**

Ensure your pens meet the minimum density requirements in Table 2 on page 11 and enrichments are being added.

I have also included a copy of your Herd Health Plan with notes from Dr. Pritchard to be addressed and a link to ^{s.79} who may be assistance to writing up your plan and bringing your farm up to the Code's standard to relicense you for this year.

We would like to re-inspect your farm next Thursday (January 28) at 9:00 am to ensure the above items have been corrected.

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https://www.nfacc.ca/pdfs/codes/mink_code_of_practice.pdf

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- Box must have shaving
- pull the box
→ then add a
shelf.

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Site Location: s.79

Date: January 19, 2016

Inspection Team: Lynette Hare and Dr. Ann Britton

Farm meets all applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations

Site has sufficient supply of good quality drinking water to meet the needs of the mink and the on-site needs for cleaning and other farm activities.

Housing

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Nest boxes are designed to hold adequate bedding and allow for good nesting behavior in a comfortable, safe and secluded place.

Nest boxes are appropriate size to accommodate all animals in the pen comfortably at the same time.

- manure piled in cages
- Broken boxes
- no bedding
- no shelves

- no toys
- drainage issue standing

Nest Boxes

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Bedding

Bedding is clean and dry.

Environment

Mink are exposed to minimum number of continuous hours of daylight.

Sheds and buildings are consistent and adequate to allow airflow.

Feed

Waste feed is removed before providing fresh feed.

Record Keeping

Herd Health Management Plan in place, including:

- Vet-Client-Patient relationship
- Mink Identification System
- Vaccination and treatment records
- Tracking mortalities

✓ Current license and inventory maintained for any provincial/federal/municipal requirements.



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July 7, 2016

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Dear ^{s.79}

We have reviewed your inspections from February 29, March 30, and June 23, 2016. Despite advising you of the items which required immediate attention to be in compliance with the Mink Code of Practice, and to obtain a valid Province of BC Fur Farm License, many items were not addressed on our last inspection. At this point, you remain in contravention of the *Fur Farm Regulations* and do not possess a license to farm mink in BC.

From our conversation on July 5th, I understand you have now added an enrichment to every pen and installed shelves to ensure the minimum floor space is met according to the specifications of the Code. **It is your responsibility to understand the Code and apply it accordingly to every pen that is being used on your farm, whether the mink are male, female, whelping, etc.**

Our licensing will conclude at the end of July. Farms will be required to wait until the next licensing cycle of January 2017 to re-apply. The Ministry will be advising the Canadian Mink Association of BC farms that have not met the requirements for 2016 licensing. Farms not licensed will not be able to sell pelts.

We will conduct two further inspections of your farm prior to the end of July. One inspection you may schedule with me (604) 556-3093, the other will be a random inspection. The following is a list of items that must be corrected and/or documented and available for review:

- Sheds – all roofs have been repaired properly so NO rain will leak in.
- Leaking pipes to water dishes repaired.
- Records of treatments you have been using (medicine, dates).
- All medications you are using are to be onsite, in a cabinet or refrigerated (if label requires).
- Proof of hospital area and red hospital cards are being used, as indicated in your Herd Management plan.

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- Written documentation of the sick and dead mink.
- Documentation that your plan to review antimicrobial feeding procedures with a veterinarian and to begin feed submissions to Exova for coliform counts has been initiated.

Sincerely,

Lynette Hare
Operations Coordinator

Pc: Dr. Jane Pritchard
Dr. Ann Britton



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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

Site Location: s.79

Date: June 23, 2016

Inspection Team: Lynette Hare and Dr. Ann Britton

- NO Farm meets all applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations
- ✓ Site has sufficient supply of good quality drinking water to meet the needs of the mink and the on-site needs for cleaning and other farm activities.

Housing

- NO Sheds provide protection from extreme weather conditions.
- NO Sheds are designed to allow adequate space, light and access for stock people to observe and care for the animals.

Pens Appendix E – Canadian Code of Practice

- NO All pens with multiple mink must be enhanced with a hammock/shelf/platform **(by June, 2014)**
If a jump up/penthouse or drop in nest box is used, a shelf is not required as an enrichment.

*All pens must include a minimum of one manipulative enrichment **(by December 31, 2013)***

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Bedding

☒ Bedding is clean and dry.

Environment

☐ Mink are exposed to minimum number of continuous hours of daylight.

☒ Sheds and buildings are consistent and adequate to allow airflow.

Feed

☐ Waste feed is removed before providing fresh feed.

☐ Feed carts used to deliver wet feed are cleaned and sanitized regularly.

☐ Feed preparation area is cleaned and sanitized daily.

Record Keeping

☒ Herd Health Management Plan in place, including:

- Vet-Client-Patient relationship
- Mink Identification System
- Vaccination and treatment records
- Tracking mortalities

☒ Current license and inventory maintained for any provincial/federal/municipal requirements.

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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

Site Location: s.79

Date: March 30 2016

Inspection Team: Lynette Hare and Dr. Ann Britton

- ✓ Farm meets all applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations
- ✓ Site has sufficient supply of good quality drinking water to meet the needs of the mink and the on-site needs for cleaning and other farm activities.

Housing

No Sheds provide protection from extreme weather conditions.

All sheds with mink require the metal roofs to be fixed to keep the mink from being exposed to the elements.

No Sheds are designed to allow adequate space, light and access for stock people to observe and care for the animals.

Pens Appendix E – Canadian Code of Practice

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No multiple mink in pens at time of inspection.

- ✓ *All pens must include a minimum of one manipulative enrichment (by December 31, 2013)*

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No Current license and inventory maintained for any provincial/federal/municipal requirements.

A temporary provincial fur license will be issued until such time that the roofs are fixed to protect the mink from the elements. A follow up inspection will be completed in mid-April to assess progress, and again in July/August to ensure compliance prior to re-licensing for the remainder of the year.



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February 29, 2016

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RE: Inspection Items

s.79
Dear

As discussed today during your farm inspection, the following items must be corrected prior to renewing your license for 2016:

- A manipulative enrichment must be added to every cage (after breeding is fine).
- Old food must be removed from the top of the pens prior to adding new food over top of it.
- Manure piled in cages to be removed and maintained.
- Sheds with holes/gaps in the roof need to be repaired to prevent rain entering the cages.
- Development and approval of a Herd Health Plan

Please continue to improve the drainage on the property as a lot of standing water was noted which will add to the fly and odour issues on the farm.

The cages we discussed (non-conforming 7"x17" plus a nest box of 7"x7") does not meet the minimum requirements in Table 3 on page 2 of the Code and should be removed completely. Though we appreciate there were no mink in these cages, the removal of these from the sheds is best to avoid an error in using them again.

I will call to reschedule a follow-up inspection during the week of March 21 – 24.

Sincerely,

Lynette Hare
Operations Coordinator



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February 1, 2015

s.79

RE: Licensing Requirements for 2016

Enclosed please find the renewal form for your 2016 Fur Farm License.

Our records indicate a follow-up inspection is required prior to licensing. Please contact me prior to March 31st and we can arrange a suitable time.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lynette Hare
Operations Coordinator

* Follow up inspection
April 7/16 all
items addressed
& licence issued.



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November 26, 2015

Emailed: November 26, 2015

s.79

Dear ^{s.79} J

Thank you for taking the time to walk myself and Dr. Britton through your farm. We appreciate the efforts you have taken to change pens and correct some past issues on the farm. Your dad had volunteered to send some pictures of the two issues we found when corrected, however Dr. Pritchard has instructed me that follow up inspections are required when we find items to be addressed. I have noted those items on the attached report 1) An enrichment in each pen and, 2) mink in pens not meeting the minimum requirements in Table 2 of the Code of Practice be moved prior to re-licensing.

The Herd Health Management Plan has been approved.

Please contact me when a re-inspection can be scheduled or if you have any questions.

Have a great day.

Lynette Hare
Operations Coordinator
Lynette.hare@gov.bc.ca

Encl.



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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

Site Location: s.79

Date: November 25, 2015
Inspection Team: Lynette Hare and Dr. Ann Britton

- ✓ Farm meets all applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations.
- ✓ Site has sufficient supply of good quality drinking water to meet the needs of the mink and the on-site needs for cleaning and other farm activities.

Housing

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Pens Appendix E – Canadian Code of Practice

- ✓ All pens with multiple mink must be enhanced with a hammock/shelf/platform (by June, 2014)
If a jump up/penthouse or drop in nest box is used, a shelf is not required as an enrichment.

done 4/7/16
Note: Sheds 6 – 9: Single mink in older bare pens are being moved by January 2016. Older pens being phased out and replaced throughout these sheds.

- X All pens must include a minimum of one manipulative enrichment (by December 31, 2013)

done ✓
Note: No enrichments noted at the time of inspection.
Golf balls to be added to each pen in the following months.

Nest Boxes

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Bedding

- ✓ Bedding is clean and dry.

Environment

- ✓ Mink are exposed to minimum number of continuous hours of daylight.
- ✓ Sheds and buildings are consistent and adequate to allow airflow.

Feed

- ✓ Waste feed is removed before providing fresh feed.
- ✓ Feed carts used to deliver wet feed are cleaned and sanitized regularly.

Feed preparation area is cleaned and sanitized daily.

(feed is prepared off-site and trucked in)

Record Keeping

- ✓ Herd Health Management Plan in place, including:
 - Vet-Client-Patient relationship
 - Mink Identification System
 - Vaccination and treatment records
 - Tracking mortalities
- ✓ Current license and inventory maintained for any provincial/federal/municipal requirements.

Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

To: s.79
Subject: Inspection report
Attachments: Scan_20151126.pdf

Hi s.79

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The Heard Health Management Plan has been approved.

Please contact me when a re-inspection can be scheduled or if you have any questions.

Have a great day.

Lynette Hare
Operations Coordinator

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From: LEHARE [<mailto:Lynette.Hare@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2015 10:15 AM
To: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Subject: Scan From MPS1102



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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

Site Location ^{s.79}

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License Number - ^{s.79}

Date: August 14, 2014.

☒ Farm meets all applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations

☒ Site has sufficient supply of good quality drinking water to meet the needs of the mink and the on-site needs for cleaning and other farm activities.

Housing

☒ Sheds provide protection from extreme weather conditions.

☒ Sheds are designed to allow adequate space, light and access for stock people to observe and care for the animals.

Pens

☐ **NO** All pens with multiple mink must be enriched with a hammock/shelf/platform **(by June 2014)**
If a jump up/penthouse or drop in nest box is used, a shelf is not required as an enrichment.

Note – cages are present that do not have a hammock/shelf or platform that contained multiple juvenile mink.

NO All pens must include a minimum of one manipulative enrichment by December 31, 2013

Note – This is currently being addressed.

Nest Boxes

☒ Nest boxes are designed to hold adequate bedding and allow for good nesting behavior in a comfortable, safe and secluded place.

☐ NO Nest boxes are appropriate size to accommodate all animals in the pen comfortably at the same time.

Note – Based on the Current Mink Code of Practice, there were multiple juvenile mink in cages with space suitable for only one juvenile mink (based on area) consistent with crowding.

☒ If feeding on nest box lid, kits are able to easily access the feed.

Bedding

☒ Bedding is clean and dry.

Environment

☒ Mink are exposed to minimum number of continuous hours of daylight.

☒ Sheds and buildings are consistent and adequate to allow airflow.

Note – Although adequate air flow is present, lack of drainage, low lying areas and manure build up was contributing to less than optimal conditions for both animals and humans in some sheds.

Fur Farm Act –

Cleanliness of premises

6 A licensee must

- (a) maintain in a sanitary condition the place where a fur bearing animal is kept, and
- (b) observe any regulation on cleanliness.

Fur Farm Regulation

Feed

☒ Waste feed is removed before providing fresh feed.

Note – Currently being addressed

☐ Not inspected Feed carts used to deliver wet feed are cleaned and sanitized regularly.

☐ Not inspected Feed preparation area is cleaned and sanitized daily.

Record Keeping

☒ Herd Health Management Plan in place, including:

- Vet-Client-Patient relationship - no
- Mink Identification System – not updated
- Vaccination and treatment records - not consistent
- Tracking mortalities – not consistent

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☒ Current license and inventory maintained for any provincial/federal/municipal requirements.

s.79

AS you are currently dealing with higher priority concerns, I will not be following up on these points until likely spring 2015 at which time I will revisit your farm to follow up on the items pointed out in this inspection that would need to be addressed.

Please note that I am available to support you in addressing the higher priority items currently occupying your attention.

Jane Pritchard
604-556-3013
jane.pritchard@gov.bc.ca



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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

Site Location: s.79

Date: February 29, 2016

Inspection Team: Lynette Hare and Dr. Ann Britton

- ✓ Farm meets all applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations
- ✓ Site has sufficient supply of good quality drinking water to meet the needs of the mink and the on-site needs for cleaning and other farm activities.

Housing

- ✓ Sheds provide protection from extreme weather conditions.
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Pens Appendix E – Canadian Code of Practice

No multiple mink noted at this time.

All pens meet minimum standards in Table 2, 4/19 pens meet standards in Table 3

_____ All pens with multiple mink must be enhanced with a hammock/shelf/platform **(by June, 2014)**
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- ✓ All pens must include a minimum of one manipulative enrichment **(by December 31, 2013)**

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Record Keeping approved by Dr. Pritchard Feb 4, 2016

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 - Mink Identification System
 - Vaccination and treatment records
 - Tracking mortalities
- ✓ Current license and inventory maintained for any provincial/federal/municipal requirements.

Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: s.79
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2016 9:48 AM
To: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Subject: Re: one last item

I can tell you that he tried the chains, and they did not work at all. He had difference version of them but the weather can cause the mouth to stick to the chain in the winter. The mink would get bleeding (lips/mouth). He did say that golf balls will have to go in after the false bottoms are removed.

He can not use the golf ball or anything like that while the flu boards are in. It would become dirty and unsanitary.

The floor boards are for the kits.

On Apr 1, 2016 10:14 AM, "Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX" <Lynette.Hare@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi ^{s.79} can you please confirm that ^{s.79} has added a manipulative enrichment (golf ball or chain, etc) to each pen?

thanks

Lynette Hare

Operations Coordinator

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Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 9:32 AM
To: s.79
Subject: herd health plan

Hi s.79

Dr. Pritchard has looked at the HHP and has not approved it. Please have s.79 add more detail to the following areas:

Vaccination: What are the mink being vaccinated with?

Euthanasia: More detail needed. Also, snapping the necks are not acceptable, they need to be gassed.

General Practices: More details regarding the feed record book.

Treatment: More details on 'logging any problems'

Those are the notes she made on the plan. If you are unsure what to add, please contact her directly at 604 556-3013.

Thank you.

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Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: s.79
Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2016 8:33 AM
To: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Subject: Re: HHP

1. Yes the treatments are on the mink cards and the card would be placed on a hook on top the the cage until the treatments are finished. The treatments are also logged in the feed log book.

2. 60 to 80 animals can be in the cart at a time. If required, the cart would be prefilled with gas. For instance with a load over 20 mink, we would also add gas up to two times if the load was closer to the 80.

3. Waiting a period of two minutes after the last animal before opening the cart.

On Apr 1, 2016 12:31 PM, "Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX" <Lynette.Hare@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi^{s.79} round 4 – please answer the last couple questions from Dr. Pritchard.

Thanks.

Lynette Hare

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Sent: Friday, April 1, 2016 11:14 AM
To: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Subject: Scan From MPS1102



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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

Site Location:

s.79

Date:

September 16, 2015 – Lynette Hare



Farm meets all applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations



Site has sufficient supply of good quality drinking water to meet the needs of the mink and the on-site needs for cleaning and other farm activities.

Housing



Sheds provide protection from extreme weather conditions.



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Pens Appendix E – Canadian Code of Practice



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*nest box part
of 243?*

Bedding

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Environment

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Feed

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Record Keeping

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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

Site Location: s.79

Date: October 28, 2015

Inspection Team: Lynette Hare and Dr. Ann Britton

- ☒ Farm meets all applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations
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feed supplied
by s.79

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to be submitted
prior to Mar/2016
Licensing.

☒ Current license and inventory maintained for any provincial/federal/municipal requirements.



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February 1, 2015

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RE: Licensing Requirements for 2016

Our records indicate your farms have fulfilled the 2016 licensing requirements as follows:

- Herd Health Plan approved by Dr. Jane Pritchard, Chief Veterinarian
- Farm Inspections

Enclosed please find the renewal forms for your 2016 Fur Farm Licenses.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Lynette Hare
Operations Coordinator



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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

Site Location: s.79

Date: May 19, 2015 – Dr. Ann Britton, Lynette Hare

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for bare cages -

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- Vaccination and treatment records
- ☒ • Tracking mortalities

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Mink Farm Inspection Check List

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*to be completed
& submitted*

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